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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in advance of the first examination of the subject application in order to insert the serial numbers and filing dates of the related applications. No new matter has been entered.

Respectfully submitted,



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Serial No. 09/746,152[] filed 22 December 2000
[] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE
QUANTITY OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A
MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/746,490 [] filed 22 December 2000
[] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE
LOCATION OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A
MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/745,655 [] filed 22 December 2000
[] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE VALUE
OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL
DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/747,380[] filed 22 December 2000
[] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE BIT
ERROR RATE OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A
MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/745,774[] filed 22 December 2000
[] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING
SYNCHRONIZATION CRITERIA IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME
STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/747,072[] filed 22 December 2000
[] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING LOSS OF
SYNCHRONIZATION IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME
STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/746,159[] filed 22 December 2000
[] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSLATING OVERHEAD
BYTES IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"